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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION: AD HOC COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP

1. WORKING GROUP MET TWICE UNDER ITS MANDATE FROM AD HOC COMITE TO CONSIDER NEW PROPOSALS MADE BY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS IN PLENARY. IN COURSE OF BRIEF MORNING SESSION, US DEL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF URGENCY AT THIS SESSION TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC CRISES RESULTING FROM PRICE INCREASES AND REDUCED AVAILABILITIES OF FUEL, FOOD AND FERTILIZER AS WELL AS RELATED FINANCING PROBLEM. IN CONTRAST TO DISCUSSIONS IN AD HOC COMITE WHICH APPEARED TO CENTER ON POLICIES FOR THE DECADE WHICH WERE DEBATED THROUGHOUT 1973, THIS GROUP SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE ANSWERS TO THE CRISES OF 1974 AND 1975 AND CHART SOME COURSE TO DEAL WITH RAW MATERIALS' PROBLEMS WHICH WE MAY ANTICIPATE FOR THE DECADE AS A WHOLE. ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO ECAFE RES AND WORLD BANK SUTIDES ON CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS. SUGGESTED TWO-POINT AGENDA CONSISTING OF EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR 74-75 AND LONGER RANGE ACTIONS RE RAW MATER-

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IAL NEEDS FOR ALL COUNTRIES.

2. WITH LIMITED AGREEMENT ON THESE VIEWS, THE GROUP ADJOURNED AND SUB-GROUP IMMEDIATELY MET TO DEVELOP SOME AGREED SCHEME TO CATEGORIZE COUNTRY PROPOSALS. FIVE-POINT LIST WAS AGREED AND TAKEN UP IN AFTERNOON SESSION OF WORKING GROUP WHICH FINALLY ACCEPTED FIRST ITEM: SPECIAL MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE DIFFICULTIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS. AFTER REPEATED INTERVENTIONS BY LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED DELS, COMPROMISE RESULTED IN ADDITIONAL WORDS: BEARING MIN MIND THE SPECIAL PROBLEM OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES. IN COURSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION, SUB-GROUP AGAIN MET AND AGREED TO SLIGHT REVISIONS TO ADDITIONAL FIVE ITEMS WHICH WE CONSIDER ESSENTIALLY LONGER TERM: (A) INT'L TRADE AND DEVELOPEMENT, (B) FINANCIAL MATTER S INCLUDING ASSITANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (C) TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT, (D) INSITUTIONAL QUESTIONS, FOLLOW-UP, AND (E) OTHER PROPOSALS. ENTIRE LIST IS HEADED "RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT-- PROPOSALS SUBMITTED."

3. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF LISTING SPECIAL MEASURES AS FIRST POINT WAS NOT LOST ON DELEGATES. EFFORS WERE MADE TO AMEND LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO DIMINISH IMPORTANCE OF ITS LISTING BY SAYING THAT FIRST POSITION DOES NOT MEAN PRIORITY. OTHER LDCS RESISTED IDEA OF HAVING SPECIAL CATEGORY FOR SOME LDCS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. US DEL HAD NOTED IN OPENING STATEMENT CRISIS REPORTED IN A MAJOR COUNTRY (INDIA ARTICLE IN NEW YORK TIMES) AND RECENT OVERTHROW ONE GOVT FOR ECONOMIC REASONS WAS EVIDENCE OF NEED FOR EMERGENCY ACTION. THERE IS CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT IDENTIFYING COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE SPECIAL AID AND WE EXPECT ISSUE OF SPECIAL GROUP OF LDCS TO COME UP CONTINUALLY THROUGH OUT THIS SESSION.

4. WORKING GROUP WILL MEET TWICE APR 18 TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS BY FRANCE, JAPAN, ROMANIA, ZAIRE, FRG, IVORY COAST, ARGENTINA, IRAN, GHANA, ALGERIA AND US.
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